

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 19, 2010

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Resolution of Respect Honoring Robert B. Jones and a National Red Ribbon Proclamation.

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of October 19, 2010, as presented.

## PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Dave Morris, 53225 Day Road, Marcellus, and owner of the Daily Grind Friendly Café, 8712 Portage Road, issued a complaint because he was required to remove a painted sign on his commercial property on the outside of the front window or face a \$100 fine, so he painted it on the inside of the window. He also issued a complaint about a \$413.10 water bill owed by the former lessee of the building for which he was billed that he did not know about when he purchased the property on land contract, but refused to pay. As a result, Mayor Strazdas indicated that he recognized his dissatisfaction with the sequence of events, so he would have the Administration review the sequence of events and report back. Mayor Strazdas also indicated that he would have the Administration investigate his accusation that the city “goes for” an ordinance when it is good for the city, but does not “go for” an ordinance when it goes against the city. Finally, Mayor Strazdas acknowledged that he, Mr. Morris, wanted the water bill waived immediately.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution granting the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement for Ingress and Egress and License Agreement To Locate Personal Property in City Right-of-Way to Duke Barrington Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership, place the Resolution on file with the City Clerk for 28 days and take final action on November 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Accepted the PA 451 Farmland/Open Space application from Behavior Development Corporation (DBA) Lake Village Homestead, 7943 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Pavilion Township.
- ◆ Granted an extension to November 1, 2012, for the completion of sidewalk and street tree installation within the following residential plats subject to submittal of a revised irrevocable bank letter of credit or other surety acceptable to the City Attorney: Avalon Forest/Avalon Woods No. 1 and 2, T. A. Scott Construction; Austin Shores Condominium Subdivision, Irwin Union Bank; Holiday Village East No. 3 and South No. 3, WTM, Incorporated; and Stateland Park Subdivision, Broekema/Scott, LLC.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager recommending that City Council enact a ban of all tobacco products in and up to a distance of 25 feet from the following Portage Park locations: Ramona Park Beach, Playgrounds, Picnic Shelters, Fishing Piers, Restrooms, Bleachers, Softball Dugouts, Courts (basketball, tennis and volleyball), South Westledge Skate Park and In-line Hockey Rink, Concessions (permanent or temporary), Millennium Park Ice Rink, Celery Flats Amphitheatre, Hayloft Theatre and Overlander Bandshell, but deferred action with the plan to schedule discussion by City Council at the November 12-13 City Council Retreat.
- ◆ Established a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room #2 for the purpose of receiving a presentation concerning an upgrade to the city website.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the September 2010 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by Central Interconnect, Incorporated, at a total cost of \$40,108.87 for the upgrade of the Council Chambers video system and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.
- ◆ Approved a sole-source provider bid from Aggressive Industries in the amount of \$16,600 for supply and delivery of SuperDeck for improvements to the Bishop’s Bog Preserve trail and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the low bid from Gail Andrus Travel, LLC, for motor coach services for the 2011 Portage Senior Center travel program in the amount of \$15,657.75 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ City Council and Mayor Strazdas expressed their condolences to the family of Robert Jones and their sorrow for his passing.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall reminded voters of the City of Portage Charter issue appearing on the November 2 Election Ballot that would permit City Council to change the number of members of the Board of Review from three members to three, six or nine members, depending upon the anticipated volume of property assessment appeals, and would allow for training of the Board of Review Members to ensure they are better able to perform their respective duties.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed his support for the Charter Amendment and asked that the reporter from the *Kalamazoo Gazette* assist in the explanation of the ballot issue.

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